AUBURN URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

City Council Chambers, City Hall 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603 August 9, 2010 (Immediately following 6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting)

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

1. Public Comment

This is the time provided so members of the audience may speak to the Authority on any item <u>not</u> on this agenda. Please make your comments as brief as possible. The Authority cannot act on items not included on this agenda; however, the items will be automatically referred to staff.

2. Minutes Pages 3-8

By **MOTION** approve Auburn Urban Development Authority Minutes of April 12, 2010, May 24, 2010 and June 28, 2010.

3. <u>Mercy Auburn Senior Apartments – Commitment for AUDA Funding</u> Pages 9-20

By **RESOLUTION**, the Auburn Urban Development Authority (AUDA) approves a commitment to contribute \$400,000 from the Redevelopment Low/Moderate Housing Set Aside fund toward the construction of the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartment project at 585 Sacramento Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Authority after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office, 1225 Lincoln Way, Room 8, Auburn, CA 95603 during normal business hours.

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AUDA Minutes 4/12/2010 ITEM 2

AUBURN URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES April 12, 2010 REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn Urban Development Authority was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 10:21 p.m. with Chair Bridget Powers presiding and Secretary Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Authority Members Present:

J.M. Holmes, Kevin Hanley, Bill Kirby,

Keith Nesbitt, Bridget Powers

Authority Members Absent:

None.

Staff Members Present: Executive Director Robert Richardson, Authority Counsel Michael Colantuono, Administrative Services/Finance Director Andy Heath, Director of Community Development Will Wong, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Police Chief Valerie Harris and Police Captain

John Ruffcorn.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Approval of Minutes

By **MOTION**, approve minutes from 03/08/2010.

MOTION: Nesbitt/ Holmes/ Approved 5:0

3. Sale of Affordable Single-Family Dwelling, 1314 High Street

By **RESOLUTION**, approve and authorize execution of an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property between the Auburn Urban Development Authority, the Foothills Habitat for Humanity, Inc., and Michael and Jennifer Fletcher.

Director of Community Development Will Wong presented the item. He said this will finalize the project that began in 2000. He said this action will allow staff to close escrow.

Council Member questions followed: (1) tenant – City relationship, (2) status of escrow on house, (3) cost of escrow, and (4) delay on Habitat for Humanity's side.

MOTION: Hanley/ Holmes/ Approved 5:0

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Powers adjourned the meeting at 10:27 p.m. without objection.

Bridget Powers, Chair

Joseph G. R. Labrie, Secretary

AUBURN URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES May 24, 2010

REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn Urban Development Authority was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 11 p.m. with Chair Bridget Powers presiding and Secretary Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER at 11:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Authority Members Present: J. M. Holmes, Kevin Hanley, Bill Kirby,

Keith Nesbitt, Bridget Powers

Authority Members Absent: none

Staff Members Present: Executive Director Robert Richardson, Authority Counsel Michael Colantuono, Administrative Services/Finance Director Andy Heath

1. Public Comment

none

2. Jury Parking Lot – Notice of Completion

Eng. Div. Mgr. Bernie Schroeder presented item.

By **RESOLUTION**, authorize the recording of a Notice of Completion for the Jury Parking Lot.

MOTION: Holmes/ Hanley/ Approved 5:0

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Powers adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 11:16 p.m.

	Bridget Powers, Chair
Joseph G. R. Labrie, Secretary	

AUBURN URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES June 28, 2010 REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn Urban Development Authority was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, June 28, 2010 at 9:00 p.m. with Chair Bridget Powers presiding and Secretary Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:

Authority Members Present:

J. M. Holmes, Kevin Hanley, Bill Kirby,

Keith Nesbitt, Bridget Powers

Authority Members Absent:

none

Staff Members Present: Executive Director Robert Richardson, Authority Counsel Michael Colantuono, Administrative Services/Finance Director Andy Heath, Police Chief Valerie Harris and Police Captain John Ruffcorn.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Rule 20B – Deposit to PG&E for Underground Utility District 2010A

By **RESOLUTION 10-06**, provide Pacific Gas and Electric with a \$25,000 deposit to begin the design of underground infrastructure for Underground Utility District 2010A.

2. Streetscape Phase 1 – Notice of Completion

By **RESOLUTION 10-07**, authorize recording of a Notice of Completion for the Streetscape Phase 1 Project.

******* End of Consent Calendar **********

By MOTION, approve the consent calendar. MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/ Approved 5:0

3. Public Comment

None

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Five Year Implementation Plan

Don Fraser, of Fraser and Associates, Redevelopment Consultant to the City, presented this item.

Council Member questions followed regarding: (1) Mercy Housing project, (2) First time home buyer program, (3) affordable housing projects, and (4) redevelopment assistance program.

By **RESOLUTION 10-08**, approve and adopt the Five-Year Implementation Plan for the Auburn Redevelopment Project. **MOTION: Nesbitt/ Holmes/ Approved 5:0**

AUTHORITY BUSINESS

5. <u>Auburn Urban Development Authority Operating, Capital Project and Debt Service Budgets for Fiscal Year 2010-11</u>

Finance Director Andy Heath presented this item.

By **RESOLUTION 10-09**, adopt appropriations for the Auburn Urban Development Authority Operating, Capital Project and Debt Service Funds as summarized in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Proposed Budget. **MOTION: Nesbitt/ Holmes/ Approved 5:0**

6. Streetscape History and Art Advisory Committee – Funding Request

Council Member Nesbitt presented this item. He said because the motion to approve this item was denied during the City Council meeting, the funding request is withdrawn. He said he would like to reimburse Marti Niles for the work she has already done on the River Theme Interpretive Sign.

Council Member Kirby asked if the SHAAC committee requested Marti Niles to make this tile for the committee.

Council Member Nesbitt said she made the tile voluntarily.

Harvey Roper read minutes from the SHAAC committee stating the committee asked Marti Niles to make the sample tile.

By **MOTION**, reimburse Marti Niles \$200 for the work already completed on the River interpretive sign.

MOTION: Holmes/ Kirby/ MOTION FAILED 2:3 (Hanley, Kirby, Powers voted no)

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Chair Powers adjourned meeting, without objection, at 9:20 p.m.

Bridget Powers, Chair

Joseph G. R. Labrie, Secretary



Report to the Auburn Urban Development Authority

Action Item
Agenda Item No.

City Manager - Approval

To:

Chair and Authority Members

From:

Reg Murray, Senior Planner,

Date:

August 9, 2010

Subject:

Mercy Auburn Senior Apartments - Commitment for AUDA Funding

The Issue

Should the Auburn Urban Development Authority approve a commitment to contribute \$400,000 in funding from the Redevelopment Low/Moderate Housing Set Aside fund toward the construction of the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartment project at 585 Sacramento Street?

Conclusions and Recommendation

A. By Resolution, the Auburn Urban Development Authority (AUDA) approves a commitment to contribute \$400,000 from the Redevelopment Low/Moderate Housing Set Aside fund toward the construction of the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartment project at 585 Sacramento Street.

Background

Mercy Housing California is proposing to develop the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartments, a new 60-unit affordable senior apartment complex located on a 3-acre portion of the Sisters of Mercy campus (Attachment 1). The Sisters campus currently includes a large conference center, offices, and an assisted living community.

The proposed project involves the construction of a three-story building with a number of amenities including: a full-time, live-in property manager; a community garden; a community room; a community kitchen; a library; a computer room; on-site laundry rooms; an exercise/walking path; and a full time resident services coordinator who connects seniors to community resources, classes, programs, and other events.

The Planning Commission reviewed the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartment proposal at their regular hearing on July 20, 2010. The Commission took action to recommended approval of the project to the City Council. The Planning Commission normally serves as the approving body for this type of project, however, since the project includes a density bonus and the applicant is requesting funding assistance from the City (i.e. \$400,000 from the AUDA), the project was forwarded to the Auburn City Council for review. The City Council is scheduled to consider the project at their regular hearing on August 9, 2010.

Funding History

In 2009, Mercy Housing approached the City for funding assistance for the Mercy Senior Apartment project. The City adopted a resolution authorizing staff to submit a HOME application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for \$4,000,000 in HOME funds. In addition, the AUDA approved a funding commitment of \$300,000 for the project, contingent on the award of the HOME funds. Unfortunately, the City's application was not awarded HOME funds and the funding commitment lapsed.

The HCD has now released the 2010 HOME Program Funding Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and Mercy Housing will again pursue \$4,000,000 in HOME funding for their project. This time, Mercy Housing will be applying as a CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization) and will act as the applicant.

Mercy Housing also just recently received notice from HUD that their HUD 202 application had been awarded for a total of \$6,030,000.

In response to Mercy Housing's interest in the project, their submittal to the City for entitlement approval of the project, the recent award of the HUD 202 funding, and their pending application for HOME funding, staff supports the AUDA funding request and proposes that the Redevelopment Agency authorize \$400,000 from the Redevelopment Low/Moderate Housing Set Aside fund. Exhibit A is the resolution for this funding commitment.

Local funds contributed to the program are counted as leverage and increase the competitiveness of the application for Mercy Housing. The Redevelopment Agency funds will help Mercy Housing California in financing the construction of the development and ensure the long-term affordability of the units to some of Auburn's lowest income seniors. The project helps the City of Auburn meet its affordable housing obligation with the Regional Housing Needs Allocation numbers from HCD and also contributes to the Redevelopment Agency's housing numbers.

A copy of the 2009 AUDA funding request, which includes additional background regarding needs in the Auburn area, is provided as Attachment 2.

Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives

- A. Approve the AUDA resolution to contribute \$400,000 from the Auburn Redevelopment Agency. Approval will assist Mercy Housing in obtaining gap financing for the construction of the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartment complex.
- B. Deny the resolution. Denial could eliminate up to \$4,400,000 in gap funding for Mercy Housing, significantly affecting their ability to construct the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartment complex.

Fiscal Impacts

AUDA Commitment – \$400,000 from the Redevelopment Agency's Low/Moderate Housing Set Aside fund.

Additional Information

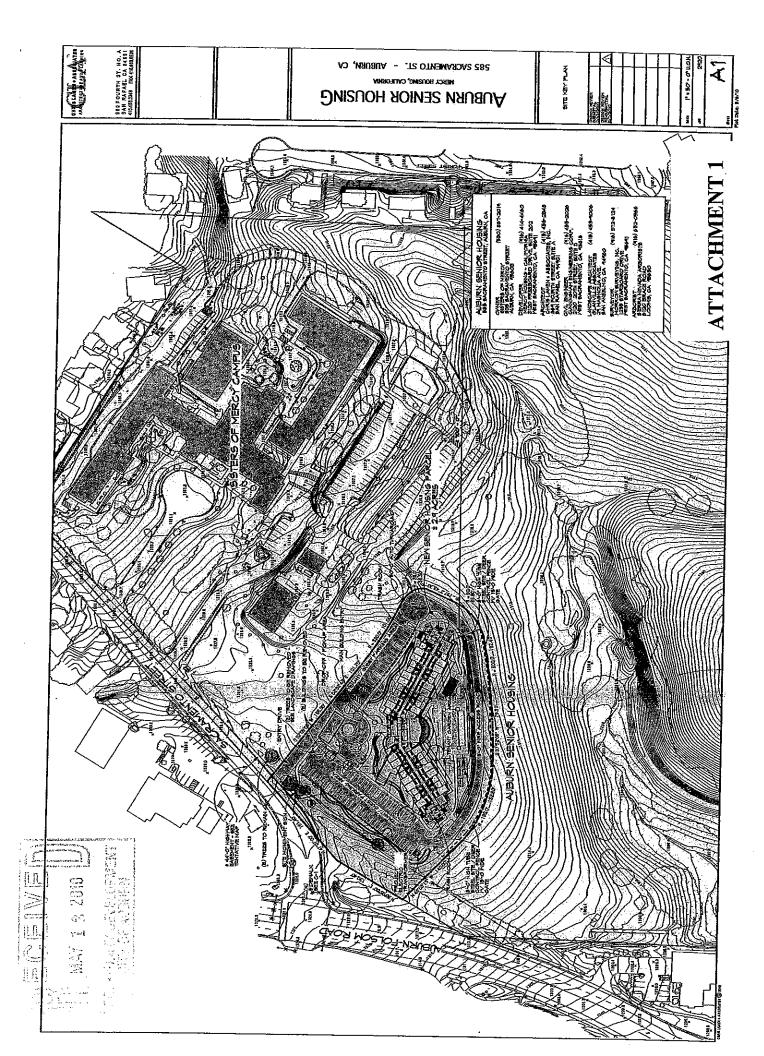
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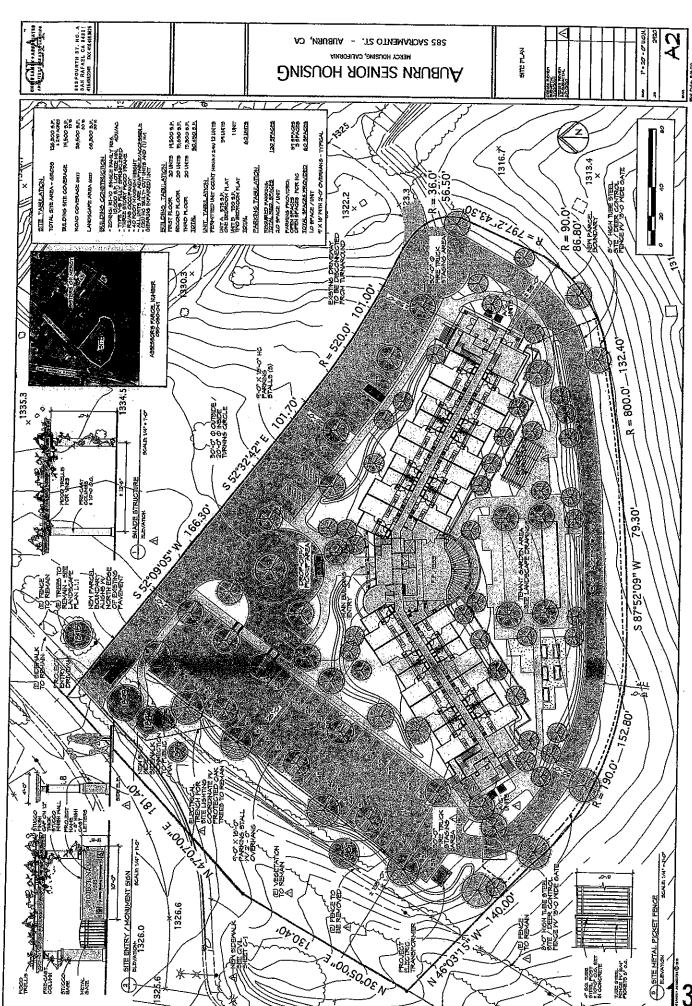
Attachments:

- 1. Site Location Map
- 2. 2009 AUDA Staff Report

Exhibits:

A. AUDA Resolution approving a commitment to contribute \$400,000 toward the construction of the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartment project.







Report to the Auburn City Council and Auburn Urban Development Authority

Action Item

Agenda Item No.

City Manager's Approval

To: Mayor/Chair, City Council and Authority Members

From: Wilfred Wong, Community Development Director

Date: August 10, 2009

Subject: Mercy Auburn Senior Apartments - Authorization for HOME Program

Participation; Authorization for Funding Request; and Commitment for AUDA

Funding

The Issue

Should the City Council authorize staff to submit an application to the State of California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) requesting: a) participation in the HOME program; and b) an allocation of funds not to exceed four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for the construction of the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartments, a 60-unit rental complex affordable to seniors to be located at 585 Sacramento Street?

Should the Auburn Urban Development Authority approve a commitment to contribute \$300,000 in funding from the Redevelopment Low/Moderate Housing Set Aside fund toward the construction of the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartment project?

Conclusions and Recommendation

- A. By Resolution, the Auburn City Council authorizes staff to submit an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for HOME program participation and for an allocation of \$4,000,000 to construct the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartments, a 60-unit affordable senior's apartment project.
- B. By Resolution, the Auburn Urban Development Authority (AUDA) approves a commitment to contribute \$300,000 from the Redevelopment Low/Moderate Housing Set Aside fund toward the construction of the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartment project.

Background

Each year the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issues a HOME Program Funding Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to assist cities, counties and nonprofit community housing development organizations (CHDOs) to create and retain affordable housing.

The 2009 NOFA was recently released and has available a minimum of \$60 million. Eligible activities include housing rehabilitation, new construction, and acquisition and rehabilitation, for

both single-family and multifamily projects, and predevelopment loans by CHDOs. All activities must benefit lower-income renters or owners. The maximum award available to any one new construction project is \$4 million. Applications are due August 17, 2009 and will be competitively rated and ranked. Typically there are more applications than funds available.

Development Proposal

The City of Auburn has been approached by Mercy Housing California to develop the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartments, a new 60-unit affordable senior apartment complex. The project involves the construction of a three-story building on a portion of vacant land on the 33-acre Sisters of Mercy campus located at 535 Sacramento Street (Attachment 1). The Sisters currently own and operate a large conference center, offices, and an assisted living community on the site.

The development will include a number of amenities including: a full-time, live-in property manager; a community garden; a community room; a community kitchen; a library; a computer room; on-site laundry rooms; an exercise/walking path; and a full time resident services coordinator. This coordinator will work to connect seniors to community resources and help build a vibrant and supportive living environment through classes, community programs, and other events.

Proposed Application

In response to the interest by Mercy Housing, as well as the release of the 2009 NOFA, Staff is proposing that the City submit a 2009 HOME application for \$4,000,000 for the development of the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartments. The resolution authorizing staff to participate in the HOME program and apply for \$4 million in HOME funds is provided as Exhibit A.

In addition, the City is requesting that the Redevelopment Agency authorize \$300,000 from the Redevelopment Low/Moderate Housing Set Aside fund to also assist with gap financing. Local funds contributed to the program are counted as leverage and increase the competitiveness of the application. Exhibit B is the resolution for this funding commitment.

The HOME funds, as well as the Redevelopment Agency funds, will help assist in financing the construction of the development and ensure the long-term affordability of the units to some of Auburn's lowest income seniors. The project helps the City of Auburn meet its affordable housing obligation with the Regional Housing Needs Allocation numbers from HCD and also contributes to the Redevelopment Agency's housing numbers.

Mercy Auburn Senior Apartments is designed to serve seniors aged 62 years and older at very low and extremely low-incomes. A particular focus will be the senior population that is at-orbelow the poverty level. The proposed unit mix and income targeting is as follows:

- 41 one bedroom units @ 25% of Area Median Income
- 18 one bedroom units @ 50% of Area Median Income
- 1 two bedroom manager's unit

According to the 2000 Census, 2,261 seniors lived in Auburn, approximately 18% of Auburn's population. Many seniors in the Auburn area were paying more than 30% of their limited income on housing expenses. Of the 2,261 seniors living in Auburn, 833 were renters. According to the draft 2008 Housing Element for the City of Auburn, 57% of these renters or 475 seniors, pay over 30% of their income for housing expenses. Undoubtedly, this trend is skewed heavily towards lower income seniors.

6.1% or 138 of Auburn's seniors are below the poverty line. There is a larger percentage of the senior population that is extremely and very low income and would qualify for residency at the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartments. According to HUD published income limits for Placer County for 2008, a one-person household earning \$24,850 qualifies as someone at 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI) or as a "very low-income person."

The draft Placer County Housing Element (March 2008) states that there are 20,062 seniors (age 65+) in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Placer County. These seniors represent 13.1% of Placer County's total population. Of these seniors 3,427 or 17% are renters. Approximately 54% of these senior renters are paying more than 30% for housing expenses. Again, this trend is likely worse for very low and extremely low income seniors.

Perhaps the most compelling evidence of real and current demand for affordable independent senior housing is the length of wait on existing waiting lists. A recent phone survey (July 2008) of the following five surrounding (in the expected market area) and similar (low-income senior) properties demonstrates the extensive need for more affordable independent senior housing:

Property	Location (City / County)	Wait List Time
Auburn Ravine Terrace	Auburn / Placer	18 months
Brookside Park Senior Apts	Auburn / Placer	24 months
Canyon View Apts	Colfax / Placer	12 months
Diamond Sunrise	Diamond Springs / El Dorado	24 months
Eskaton Lincoln Manor	Placerville / El Dorado	18-24 months

Other highly compelling data is available from the Housing Authorities of Placer, Nevada, El Dorado and Sacramento. All waiting lists are currently closed and no longer accepting applications. Those lucky enough to be on the waiting list have up to several years before their number is called and the waiting lists are not anticipated to open any time soon.

Based on the need demonstrated in the information provided above, Staff supports the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartment project and recommends that the City Council and AUDA approve the resolutions presented with Exhibits A & B.

Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives

A. Approve the Council resolution needed to apply for the HOME program participation and allocation of HCD funds as well as the AUDA resolution to contribute \$300,000 from the Auburn Redevelopment Agency. Approval will assist Mercy Housing in obtaining gap financing for the construction of the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartment complex.

B. Deny the resolutions. Denial would eliminate up to \$4,300,000 in gap funding for Mercy Housing, significantly affecting their ability to construct the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartment complex.

Fiscal Impacts

HOME funds – No impact to general fund. Some administrative costs to manage the HOME program; funding will come from the HOME grant.

AUDA Commitment – \$300,000 from the Redevelopment Agency's Low/Moderate Housing Set Aside fund.

Additional Information

Find attached the following

Attachments:

1. Site Location Map

Exhibits:

- A. City Council Resolution authorizing HOME program participation and requesting for an allocation of \$4,000,000 to construct the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartments, a 60-unit affordable senior's apartment project.
- B. AUDA Resolution approving a commitment to contribute \$300,000 toward the construction of the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartment project.

EXHIBIT A

RESOLUT	ION	NO.	10

RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMMITMENT TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MERCY AUBURN SENIOR APARTMENT PROJECT AT 585 SACRAMENTO STREET

THE AUBURN URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

Whereas, the City of Auburn City Council, on August 9, 2010, approved a request by Mercy Housing California to construct the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartments, a 60-unit rental apartment complex affordable to seniors to be located at 585 Sacramento Street; and

Whereas, Mercy Housing California is submitting an application to the State of California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) requesting an allocation of HOME funds not to exceed four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to assist with the construction of the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartments; and

Whereas, Mercy Housing California recently received HUD 202 funding totaling \$6,030,000; and

Whereas, the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartment project is designed to serve seniors aged 62 years and older at very low and extremely low-incomes; and

Whereas, the project helps the City of Auburn meet its affordable housing obligation from HCD and also contributes to the Redevelopment Agency's housing numbers.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Auburn Urban Development Authority hereby commits \$400,000 from the Low/Mod Set-Aside Fund for the construction of the Mercy Auburn Senior Apartment Project. The commitment

1	shall lapse if the HCD funding request is denied, if the applicant abandons the
2	project, or necessary governmental entitlements for the project are denied.
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4	DATED: August 9, 2010
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6	Bridget Powers, Chair
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8	ATTEST:
9	Joseph C. B. Labria, Socretary
10	Joseph G. R. Labrie, Secretary
11	I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, Secretary of the Auburn Urban Development
12	Authority, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the Auburn Urban Development Authority held on the 9 th
13	day of August 2010 by the following vote on roll call:
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15	Ayes:
16	Noes: Absent:
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